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SUBJ: ITALIAN PRIOR DEPOSIT PROGRAM: SHIPPING LINES

REF: (A) ROME 13202 (B) ROME 13620 (C) STATE 223066

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PASS TREASURY AND COMMERCE

1. EMBASSY WISHES TO DRAW TO ATTENTION OF WASHINGTON AGENCIES STRONG PROBABILITY THAT DISCRIMINATION AGAINST FOREIGN-FLAG CARRIERS UNDER ITALIAN PRIOR DEPOSIT SCHEME WILL CONTINUE BEYOND NOV. 3. AS REPORTED IN ROME 15972, GOI HAS DECIDED ON A PHASE-OUT OF PROGRAM OVER PERIOD OCTOBER 15 - APRIL 15. FROM OUR INFORMAL CONVERSATIONS WITH OFFICIALS OF MINISTRIES OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND FOREIGN TRADE, IT SEEMS VERY UNLIKELY THAT GOI WILL MAKE ANY MODIFICATIONS IN PROGRAM.

2. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES EMBASSY REQUESTS THAT WASHINGTON AGENCIES CONSIDER WHETHER SCHEDULED PHASE-OUT OF PROGRAM PROVIDES SUFFICIENT JUSTIFICATION FOR CONTINUATION OF PR 17

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WAIVERS AND ADVISE EMBASSY OF ITS DECISION. IRRESPECTIVE OF

THIS DECISION, EMBASSY INTENDS TO APPROACH FOREIGN MINISTRY AGAIN TO (A) REQUEST RESPONSE TO ITS REPRESENTATIONS OF SEPT. 14 (REF. D) AND (B) URGE THAT NECESSARY MODIFICATIONS BE MADE IN PROGRAM TO ELIMINATE DISCRIMINATION AT TIME OF FIRST STEP OF PHASE-OUT (OCT. 15).

3. IF DECISION IS TAKEN TO REVOKE WAIVERS AS OF NOV. 3 (REF. C), EMBASSY SHOULD SO ADVISE FOREIGN MINISTRY WELL IN ADVANCE OF NOV. 3, AT WHICH TIME IT WOULD EMPHASIZE THAT U.S. ACTION IS NOT INDICATION OF LESSENERED SUPPORT FOR ITALIAN STABLIZATION EFFORTS (REF. C).VOLPE

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